

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 16th APRIL 2008

PRESENT

Mrs. Holmes presided over Mesdames Harrison and Clark. Messrs. Mackin and Steeples.

1. APOLOGIES

Messrs. Fisher and Gray.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. PLANS FOR COSIDERATION

08/00628/FULL
Extension to existing conservatory.
28 Elm Road.

No objection.

08/00597/FULL
Two dormer windows to side elevation overlooking inner courtyard.
44 New Street.

No objection.
Comment : providing it doesn't detract from the light at No. 50.

08/00505/FULL
68 Ivel Road.
Change of description from :
'Two storey and first floor rear extension' to 'two storey and single storey rear extension'.

4. DECISIONS

Notice of Refusal from the Planning Inspectorate
07/00747/LB
Retention of air conditioning unit to rear.
46-48 High Street.

5. POSTAL ADDRESS FOR ACORN PRE-SCHOOL

Confirmation that the postal address for the above is :
Acorn Pre-school, School Lane, Shefford, Beds. SG17 5XA has been received from the Building Control Manager at the District Council.

6. THE STANDARD PLANNING APPLICATION FORM – MBDC

In August 2007 the Government undertook consultation on new rules relating to the Validation of Planning Applications. The proposals included establishing national validation requirements and for local authorities to define their own mandatory local validation requirements. From 6 April the new standard planning application forms and validation requirements became mandatory. Local Authorities are required to consult on their own local validation checklists. The D C's local validation requirements on website :

http://www.midbeds.gov.uk/Planning/Planning_Applications/validation_consultation.aspx

7. LETTER FROM EDF ENERGY

A reply has been received from the Customer Relations Department of EDF Energy regarding the committee's request to them for answers as to why residents experienced numerous power cuts in various areas of the town at the end of last year and the beginning of this year. The letter stated that as parts of the network are different, a report for a general area cannot be provided. However, if the committee would like to supply a list of the areas in the town that were affected they would be happy to advise what the problems have been with that particular area. The clerk is to respond with the information accordingly.

8. LAND AT STANFORD ROAD

The committee has received documentation from Vincent & Goring in respect of their representations for development of Land at Stanford Road re the DC's Site Allocations Issues and Options Consultation. The committee studied the documents and generally agreed it had been very well prepared.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The clerk was requested to enquire if a formal 'change of use' application should be made to the District Council regarding the possibility of using one of the empty business units as a youth club.

The meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.